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court-fee stamps of less than one rupee are not available in Bellary. Will the Hon. Minister see that court-fee stamps of smaller denominations are supplied to Bellary and issued to parties when they require? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I shall take immediate action in the matter."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" May I request the Hon. Minister to issue instructions to sell single copy stamps also. Double copy stamps alone are sold and they refuse to sell single copy stamps. They issue double copy stamps affixing five to six annas on the reverse when only the front page is written upon."

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Sir, I do not know the exact position in the matter. As I have already stated I have called for a report from the Collector. I shall take early action in the matter."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member may see the Minister for further information in the matter."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" I wrote a private letter to the Collector of Bellary two weeks ago which has not been acknowledged. That is why I put this urgent short notice question to the Hon. Minister. Will the Hon. Minister please see that the subordinate officials of government expedite action in matters like this where a loss of nearly Rs. 250 is sustained daily by the parties? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I quite appreciate the public service that the hon. Member is trying to do and I shall instruct the officers to see that immediate action is taken."

Production of Civil Courts certificates for obtaining copies of some public documents from the Revenue officers.

* 20-B *Q.*—SRI B. BHIMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that invariably Revenue Officers, such as Tahsildars and Deputy Collector in Bellary district insist upon production of a certificate from the Civil Courts about the necessity of parties producing certified copies of certain public documents in their custody, before they grant copies thereof;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the District Judge of Bellary declines to grant such certificates as there is no statutory rule to do so; and

(*c*) whether the Government have considered the necessity to issue instructions to the Collector of Bellary district and subordinate authorities not to insist on the production of certificates as mentioned in clause (*a*) above for grant of copies of public documents?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (*a*) to (*c*) Necessary information has been called for and has not yet been received. It will be furnished on receipt."

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SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" The Revenue authorities require certificates from the Civil Courts to grant copies of Revenue records. Such a practice does not prevail in Mathurai. May I know, Sir, why it prevails in Bellary alone? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Sir, I take the information, so far as the other districts are concerned. As I have already said, I have called for information and I will examine it. If the practice is wrong it would be set right."

Constitution of a new and separate judicial service.

* 21 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Premier be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government of India have intimated their decision that in future the recruitment of higher judiciary such as District and Sessions Judges will not form part of the Indian Administrative Service;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether this Government have decided to constitute a new and separate Judicial Service;

(*c*) what the composition of such new Judicial Service will be;

(*d*) whether rules governing recruitment, scales of salaries, etc., have been framed; and

(*e*) whether the Government will place the rules on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON (on behalf of Hon. the Premier) :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) Yes.

" (*c*) The new Judicial Service will include the posts of District and Sessions Judges II Grade and some posts outside the time scale, if it is decided to include any.

" (*d*) No. The main principles governing recruitment, scales of pay, etc., are under consideration.

" (*e*) Does not arise."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, why the service includes only Grade II District Judges? What about Grade I District Judges? What is the difference between Grade I and II? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" First Grade District Judges are selection posts. Only two such posts exist."

Increasing the bed-strength in all the Government hospitals in the Madras City.

* 22 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the sanctioned strength of staffed beds in the various Government hospitals in the Madras City is;